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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., Health Services Research, Policy & Administration
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2014 M.S., Health Services Research, Policy and Administration
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2005 B.A., Anthropology (Departmental and General Honors)
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

PRESENT POSITION

2017-present Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management
University of Massachusetts Amherst
School of Public Health and Health Sciences
Department of Health Promotion and Policy

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2016-2017 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
Sewanee: The University of the South
Collaborative for Southern Appalachian Studies
2011-2014 Research Assistant, Division of Health Policy and Management
University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Minneapolis, MN
2012-2014 Research Assistant, Minnesota Population Center
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- 2009-2010 Research Specialist, Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 – 2009 Health Education Volunteer, United States Peace Corps
West African Republic of Mali
- 2006-2007 Research Specialist, Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Maternal health; women's reproductive health; health disparities; health policy; patient-provider relationship; medical sociology; mixed methods

RESEARCH GRANTS

Current

- Role: Principal Investigator
Title: Delivery mode preferences and trial of labor after a first cesarean delivery
Source: *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Grant number R03 HD098392-01A1
Dates: 5/1/2020-4/30-2022
- Role: multi-Principal Investigator (mPI: Geissler)
Title: Managing cardiovascular disease risk among women with hypertensive disorders in pregnancy: a mixed method analysis of system factors influencing the postpartum transition to primary care
Source: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Grant number R56HL151636
Dates: 9/25/2020-8/31/2021

Completed

- Role: Principal Investigator
Title: Exploring plans and preferences for birth using a structured worksheet
Source: Health Promotion and Policy Preliminary Study Grant Initiative
Dates: 4/1/2018-3/31/2019
- Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Kozhimannil)
Title: Cost-effectiveness of midwife-led care for low-risk pregnancies
Source: California Health Care Foundation and New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
Dates: 12/1/2017-11/30/2018
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator (co-PI: Kozhimannil)

Title: Relationship between hospital-level percentage of midwife-attended births and obstetric care costs and procedure utilization
 Source: California Health Care Foundation and Health Foundation for Western and Central New York
 Dates: 9/1/2016-6/30/2017

Role: Principal Investigator
 Title: Characteristics of the Patient-Provider Relationship and Use of Labor Induction and Cesarean Delivery
 Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality R36
 Dates: 9/1/2015-6/30/2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Best Research Article Award, *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*
 2015-2016 University of Minnesota Graduate School Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship (*declined*)
 2014-2015 AHRQ National Research Service Award Pre-doctoral Traineeship
 2014 Minnesota Population Center Outstanding Service Award
 2013 Gary Stewart Scholarship, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
 2012 Delta Omega Outstanding Poster Award, University of Minnesota School of Public Health Research Day
 2010-2012 AHRQ National Research Service Award Pre-doctoral Traineeship
 2010-2011 James and Roberta Craig Scholarship for International Public Health Studies
 2005 Phi Beta Kappa

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Geissler KH, Ranchoff BL, Cooper MI, **Attanasio, LB**. Association of Insurance Status with Provision of Recommended Services During Comprehensive Postpartum Visits. *JAMA Network Open*. 2020;3(11):e2025095.
2. **Attanasio LB**, Alarid-Escudero F, Kozhimannil KB. Midwife-led care and obstetrician-led care for low-risk pregnancies: a cost comparison. *Birth*. 2020;47:57-66.
3. **Attanasio LB**, Hardeman RR. Declined care and discrimination during the childbirth hospitalization. *Social Science & Medicine*. 2019;232:270–7.
4. Kjerulff KH, **Attanasio LB**, Edmonds JK, Repke JT. Mode of Delivery Preference Among Pregnant Nulliparous Women. *Journal of Women's Health*. 2019;28(6):874-884.
5. Srinivas SK, Kozhimannil K, Hung P, **Attanasio L**, Jou J, Grobman WA. Do Hospitals with a Higher Level of Maternal Care Designation Have Better Maternal Outcomes?. *American Journal of Perinatology*. 2019;36(6):653-658.

6. **Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff KH. Women's preference for vaginal birth after a first delivery by cesarean. *Birth*. 2019;46:51–60.
7. **Attanasio LB**, Paterno MT. Correlates of Trial of Labor and Vaginal Birth After Cesarean in the United States. *Journal of Women's Health*. 2019;28(9):1302-1312.
8. Gonzales G, Quinones N, **Attanasio L**. Health and Access to Care among Reproductive-Age Women by Sexual Orientation and Pregnancy Status. *Women's Health Issues*. 2018;29(1):8–16.
***Selected as Editor's Choice in *Women's Health Issues*.
9. **Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff KH. Factors influencing women's perceptions of shared decision making during labor and delivery: Results from a large-scale cohort study of first childbirth. *Patient Education and Counseling*. 2018;101(6):1130-1136. PMID: PMC5977392
10. **Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB. Relationship between Hospital-Level Percentage of Midwife-Attended Births and Obstetric Procedure Utilization. *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*. 2018;63(1):14-22.
11. Kjerulff KH, **Attanasio LB**. Validity of Birth Certificate and Hospital Discharge Data Reporting of Labor Induction. *Women's Health Issues*. 2018;28(1):82-88.
12. **Attanasio LB**, Hardeman RR, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff KH. Prenatal attitudes toward vaginal delivery and actual delivery mode: Variation by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status. *Birth*. 2017;44(4):306-314. PMID: PMC5687997
13. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB. Healthcare engagement and follow up after perceived discrimination in maternity care. *Medical Care*. 2017;55(9):830-833.
14. Kjerulff KH, **Attanasio LB**, Edmonds JK, Kozhimannil KB, Repke JT. Labor induction and cesarean delivery: A prospective cohort study of first births in Pennsylvania, USA. *Birth*. 2017;44(3):252-261.
15. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Srinivas S, Kjerulff K. Concordance between women's self-reported reasons for cesarean delivery and indications in hospital discharge records. *Women's Health Issues*, 2017;27(3):329-335
16. Yang T, **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. State Scope of Practice Laws, Nurse-Midwifery Workforce, and Childbirth Procedures and Outcomes. *Women's Health Issues*, 2016;26(3):262-267.
17. **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Patient-reported communication quality and perceived discrimination in maternity care. *Medical Care*, 2015;53(10):863-871. PMID: PMC4570858

18. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, McPherson M and Camann W. Women's Experiences with Neuraxial Labor Analgesia in the Listening to Mothers II Survey: A Content Analysis of Open-Ended Responses. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 2015; 121(4):974-980.
***Published with accompanying editorial: Schafer, Audrey. Words, Data and the Weave of Narrative. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 2015; 121(4):843-845.
19. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Yang T, Avery M, Declercq E. Midwifery care and patient-provider communication in maternity decisions. *Maternal Child Health Journal* 2015; 19(7):1608-1615.
20. Ricco J, **Attanasio L**, Bergeson K, Prasad S. Perceived control in past contraceptive experiences as a lasting influence on contraceptive behavior: a focus group exploration in urban African American women. *Journal of Family Medicine* 2014;1(1):6.
21. Goyal N, **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Hospital care and early breastfeeding outcomes among late preterm, early term, and full term infants. *Birth* 2014;41(4):330-338.
22. Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, **Attanasio L**, Joarnt L, McGovern P. Medically complex pregnancies and early breastfeeding behaviors. *PLoS One* 2014;9(8): e104820.
23. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Johnson PJ, Gjerdingen D, McGovern P. Employment during pregnancy and obstetric intervention without medical indication: labor induction and cesarean delivery. *Women's Health Issues* 2014; 25(5):469-476.
24. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Jou J, Joarnt L, Gjerdingen D. Potential benefits of increased access to doula support during childbirth. *American Journal of Managed Care* 2014;20(6):e340-e352.
25. **Attanasio L** and McAlpine D. Accuracy of parental reports of children's HPV vaccine status: Implications for estimates of disparities. *Public Health Reports* 2014; 129(3):237-244.
26. Gjerdingen D, McGovern P, **Attanasio L**, Johnson PJ, Kozhimannil KB. Maternal depressive symptoms, employment, and social support. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 2014; 27(1):87-96.
27. **Attanasio L**, McPherson M, Kozhimannil KB. Positive Childbirth Experiences in U.S. Hospitals: A Mixed-Methods Analysis. *Maternal Child Health Journal* 2014;18(5):1280-1290.
28. Kozhimannil KB, Johnson PJ, **Attanasio L**, Gjerdingen D, McGovern P. Use of non-medical methods of labor induction and pain management among U.S. women. *Birth* 2013;40(4):227-236.

29. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, McGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson PJ. The impact of prenatal employment on breastfeeding intentions and breastfeeding status at 1 week postpartum. *Journal of Human Lactation* 2013;29(4):620-628.
30. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Hardeman R, Williams M, Prudhomme D, O'Brien M. Doula care supports near-universal breastfeeding initiation among diverse, low-income women. *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health* 2013;58(4):378-382.
31. Kozhimannil KB, Hardeman R, **Attanasio L**, Blauer-Peterson C, O'Brien M. Doula care and birth outcomes: the potential for improving care and reducing costs for diverse, low-income women. *American Journal of Public Health* 2013;103(4):e113-e121.
32. Gollust S, **Attanasio L**, Dempsey A, Benson A, Fowler EF. Political and News Media Factors Shaping Public Awareness of the HPV Vaccine. *Women's Health Issues* 2013;23(3):e143-e151.
33. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, McGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson PJ. Re-evaluating the relationship between prenatal work and birth outcomes: a policy-relevant application of propensity score matching. *Women's Health Issues* 2013;23(2):e77-e85.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Attanasio LB, DaCosta M, Kleppel R, Govantes T, Sankey HZ, Goff SL. Implementation of a new hospital-based doula program to reduce disparities in perinatal health outcomes: Identifying women's needs. Poster presentation. AcademyHealth Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health (virtual). December 2020

Ranchoff B* and **Attanasio LB**. Association of Mother's Residence Status and Cesarean Delivery in the United States: Results from Birth Certificate Data. Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (virtual). August 2020.

Attanasio LB. Trends in Racial Disparities in Trial of Labor after Cesarean (TOLAC) and Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC). Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

Geissler KH, Ranchoff B*, **Attanasio LB**. Low Receipt of Guideline-Concordant Care during Comprehensive Postpartum Visits. Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

Attanasio L, Paterno MT. Correlates of Trial of Labor after Cesarean (TOLAC) and Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC) By Race/Ethnicity. Oral presentation. American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA. November 2019.

Geissler, KH and **Attanasio, LB**. Physician referrals during the perinatal period. Poster presentation. American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA. November 2019.

Hardeman, RH, **Attanasio LB**, Chantarat T, Karbeah J. Racial Disparities and Switching Provider during Pregnancy. Oral presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2019.

Attanasio L, Paterno MT. Correlates of Trial of Labor after Cesarean (TOLAC) and Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC) By Race/Ethnicity. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2019.

Attanasio L, Kozhimannil KB. Hospital Characteristics and Hospital-Level Changes in Midwife-Attended Births, New York State, 2008-2015. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2019.

Attanasio L, Hardeman RR. Refusal of care and discrimination during the childbirth hospitalization. Oral presentation. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. February 2018.

Attanasio L, Kozhimannil KB. Relationship Between Hospital-Level Percentage of Midwife-Attended Births and Obstetric Procedure Utilization. Podium presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. New Orleans, LA. June 2017.

Attanasio L and Kozhimannil KB. Healthcare engagement following perceived discrimination in maternity care. Oral presentation. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. October 2016.

Attanasio L, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Involvement in decision making and use of cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. October 2016.

Attanasio L, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Predictors of desiring VBAC at 12 months following the first cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA. June 2016.

Attanasio L, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Involvement in decision making and use of cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA. June 2016.

Attanasio L and Kozhimannil KB. Patient-reported communication quality and perceived discrimination in maternity care. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. June 2015.

Attanasio LB, Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, McPherson M, Camann W. Women's Experiences with Labor Epidural Analgesia: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

Attanasio LB, Kozhimannil KB, Yang T, Avery M, Declercq E. Midwifery care and patient-provider communication in maternity decisions. Podium presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio LB**, Jou J, Joarnt LK, Johnson PJ, Gjerdingen DK. Potential benefits of increased access to doula support during childbirth. Podium presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

Attanasio LB and Prasad S. Variation in contraceptive prescribing patterns by physician, practice, and clinical encounter characteristics. Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

Fajardo J, **Attanasio LB**, Ha J. An Assessment of Age Reporting in the IPUMS-I Microdata. Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

Attanasio, LB. Predictors of HPV Vaccine Uptake: Do Boys Differ from Girls? Oral presentation, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. November 2013.

Kozhimannil KB, Johnson PJ, Attanasio LB, Gjerdingen DK, McGovern PM. Use of non-medical methods of labor induction and pain management among U.S. women, (Podium presentation) American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. November 2013.

Attanasio LB and Prasad S. Variation in contraceptive prescribing patterns by physician, practice, and clinical encounter characteristics. Poster presentation, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals. Denver, CO. September 2013.

Kozhimannil KB, McGovern PM, Gjerdingen DK, **Attanasio LB**. Policy and public health aspects of addressing postpartum depression. Panel presentation, Postpartum Support International. Minneapolis, MN. June 2013.

Attanasio LB, Kozhimannil KB, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. The impact of prenatal employment on breastfeeding intention and initiation. Poster presentation, Society for Epidemiologic Research. Minneapolis, MN. June 2012.

Attanasio LB, Kozhimannil KB, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. The impact of prenatal employment on breastfeeding intention and initiation. Oral presentation, Gender and Health Interest Group Meeting, Academy Health. Orlando, FL. June 2012.

Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio LB**, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. Re-evaluating the relationship between prenatal work and birth outcomes. Oral presentation, Academy Health. Orlando, FL. June 2012.

Attanasio LB. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Poster presentation. University of Minnesota School of Public Health Student Research Day. Minneapolis, MN. April 2012.

Attanasio LB. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Oral presentation, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 2012.

Attanasio LB, Gollust, SE, Fowler, EF. Shaping awareness of and response to the HPV vaccine controversy: the importance of political context. Oral presentation, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 2012.

Attanasio LB. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Poster presentation. Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health Annual Research Conference. Minneapolis, MN. September 2011.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

The patient-clinician relationship in maternity care. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA. February 2020.

The patient-clinician relationship in maternity care. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. April 2018.

The patient-provider relationship and women's experiences in maternity care. Maternal Child Health Research Partnership, Springfield, MA. February 2018.

The patient-provider relationship and women's experiences in maternity care. Institute for Healthcare Delivery and Population Science, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. January 2018.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

- [Opting out of procedures during childbirth tied to discrimination](#). Reuters, July 2019.
- [Call The Midwife! \(If The Doctor Doesn't Object\)](#). Kaiser Health News, January 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2021	Maternal and Child Health Policy (graduate, HPP691D)
2020	Health Policy in the United States (graduate, HPP690P)
2020	Case Studies in US Health Policy (undergraduate, PUBHLTH390P)
2019	Health Policy in the United States (graduate, HPP690P)
2019	Case Studies in US Health Policy (undergraduate, PUBHLTH390P)
2018	Maternal and Child Health Policy (graduate, HPP691D)
2017	Case Studies in US Health Policy (undergraduate, PUBHLTH390P)

Sewanee: The University of the South

2017	Health Policy in the United States: National, State and Local Contexts
2017	History and Politics of Midwifery in the United States
2016	Health Policy in the United States: National, State and Local Contexts

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AcademyHealth: Member, 2011-present

American Public Health Association: Member, 2013-2014, 2016-present

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals: Member, 2013-2014

Population Association of America: Member, 2013-2014

Midwest Sociological Society: Member, 2011-2012

American Sociological Association (Medical Sociology Section): Member, 2012-2013

Society for Epidemiologic Research: Member, 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Reviews (ad hoc)

American Journal of Public Health

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Birth

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

Health Affairs

Health Services Research

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

JAMA Network Open

Journal of General Internal Medicine

Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine

Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health

Journal of School Health

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Medical Care

New England Journal of Medicine

Patient Education and Counseling

Pediatrics

PLOS One

Women's Health Issues

Grant Reviews

2020 Ad hoc reviewer, NIH NIMHD Special Emphasis Panel, "Addressing Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality and Morbidity"

2020 Ad hoc reviewer, NIH Infectious Diseases, Reproductive Health, Asthma and Pulmonary Conditions (IRAP) Study Section

Professional Organization and Meeting-Related Service

2021 Theme Leader, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Women's Health Theme

2019-present Co-chair, AcademyHealth Women & Gender Health Advisory Committee

- 2020 Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Program
- 2019 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Women's Health Theme
- 2017-2018 Co-chair, Maternal Health Subcommittee, AcademyHealth Women & Gender Health Advisory Committee
- 2015-2017 Member, Maternal Health Subcommittee, AcademyHealth Women & Gender Health Advisory Committee